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FOR: TRANSGENIC PLANTS CARRYING NEOXANTHIN CLEAVAGE ENZYME GENE

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

May 29, 2002

Hon. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action (Paper No. 14) mailed April 9, 2002, Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 and 3-14) and B (DNA of SEQ ID NO:5 encoding a protein of SEQ ID NO:6). Applicants urge that the Examiner consider a reasonable number of additional sequences in this application upon allowance of the elected claims.

Election is done without prejudice to pursuing non-elected subject matter in a divisional application.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if any further information is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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